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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 IN RE ZILLOW GROUP, INC.
11 SECURITIES LITIGATION

12 CASE NO. C17-1387-JCC
13 ORDER

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15 This matter comes before the Court on Defendants' unopposed motion to seal (Dkt. No.
16 147). The Court starts from the position that “[t]here is a strong presumption of public access to
17 [its] files.” W.D. Wash. Local Civ. R. 5(g)(3); *see Nixon v. Warner Commc'nns, Inc.*, 435 U.S.
18 589, 597 (1978). To overcome that presumption, the movant must show that there are
19 “compelling reasons” to seal the documents at issue. *See Ctr. for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Grp.,*
20 *LLC*, 809 F.3d 1092, 1101 (9th Cir. 2016) (holding that the “compelling reasons” standard
21 applies to any motion that “is more than tangentially related to the merits of a case”).

22 Defendants request that the Court maintain under seal unredacted copies of its opposition
23 to Plaintiff's motion to compel as well as related a declaration and exhibits. (Dkt. Nos.
24 149, 151.) Defendants have filed a redacted version of the declaration. (Dkt. No. 150.) The Court
25 recently granted Plaintiffs' motion to seal (Dkt. No. 146) documents containing “confidential”
26 and “highly confidential” information, pursuant to the protective order governing discovery (Dkt.

1 No. 76). The same reasons for sealing those documents apply here. The Court thus finds
2 compelling reasons to seal them.

3 Accordingly, the Court GRANTS the motion to seal (Dkt. No. 147) and DIRECTS the
4 Clerk to maintain Docket Numbers 149, 151, 151-1, and 151-2 under seal until further order of
5 the Court.

6 DATED this 23rd day of June 2022.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE